

What is claimed is:

1. A method for controlling vertebrate pests that inhabit burrows or tunnels in the ground, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a bait station comprising a housing having a side wall with at least one opening therein;
- (b) placing said bait station in the ground such that the opening in said housing is aligned with one of said tunnels;
- (c) covering said bait station with soil; and
- (d) placing a bait composition in said bait station, wherein said bait composition comprises an active ingredient for controlling said pests.

2. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said bait station further comprises a top surface with an opening therein, and a vertical tube extending between said opening in said top surface and the top of the ground, wherein bait composition can be introduced to said bait station through said vertical tube.

3. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said housing comprises opposing side walls which each have an opening therein; wherein each said opening is aligned with one of said tunnels.

4. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said bait composition includes an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of warfarin, chlorophacinone, diphacinone, bromadiolone, brodifacoum, difethialone, bromethalin, zinc phosphide, strychnine, pival, and cholecalciferol.

5. A bait station for presenting bait to a subterranean

pest in a burrow or tunnel, the bait station comprising a housing with a side wall and a top surface; wherein said side wall includes at least one opening; wherein said top surface includes an aperture, and wherein a vertical tube communicates with said aperture for enabling bait composition to be introduced to said housing through said vertical tube.

6. A bait station in accordance with claim 5, wherein said housing includes opposing side walls, each of which has an opening therethrough.